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COMMISSIONING OF DAMODAR RIVER DIVERSION AREA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dislocated / displaced people in Damodar River Diversion Area (DRDA) project in Jharkhand have been rehabilitated and given employment by the Central Coalfields Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the implementation of this project alongwith the amount spent therefrom;

(d) the reasons for the delay in the commissioning of the said project; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) : 96 projects affected families from Chalkari,Jaridih & Phusro villages have been rehabilitated and 631 were given employment by Central Coalfields Limited.

(c): The Advance Action Proposal for Damodar River Diversion was approved by Government in the year 1983 with a capital outlay of Rs. 2 crores and revised cost estimate of Rs.5.59 crore in the year 1993.The capital expenditure till March-2007 is Rs. 7.69 crores.

(d) & (e) : The project has been delayed due to demand of employment by project affected persons,beyond the provision of R&R policy of the company. The initial project report of Damodar RiverDiversion Project (DRDP) made by Damodar River Corporation (DVC) was also not found viable and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) too was not in a financial position to invest such an amount at that point of time.

However, in the meantime Ministry of Coal has asked Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.(CMPDIL) / CCL to prepare a revised Detailed Project Report. CMPDIL has taken up detailedexploration in the project. CMPDIL has drilled 31 nos of boreholes in DRD block having a total meterage of 8705.7 m. Preparation of Geological report is in progress. Feasibility report of DRD OC is expected to be submitted by CMPDIL in June, 2008 and coal production from the project is expected to start from the year 2010-11 subject to financial viability of the revised project report.